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SUBJECT: FICO SEEKS US FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

REF: STATE 146068

1. DURING TWO LONG SESSIONS, MANUEL GOMES DOS SANTOS, PRESIDENT OF FICO, AND HIS ASSOCIATES GAVE US ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT POLITICAL SITUATION IN MOZAMBIQUE AND EXPLAINED FICO'S PRINCIPLES. BRIEFLY, FICO IS MULTI-RACIAL (NONETHELESS, LEADERSHIP IS ALMOST ENTIRELY WHITE), SPINOLIST (FOR SELF-DETERMINATION), AND ANTI-COMMUNIST; STRESSES SOCIAL-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR MOZAMBICAN MASSES; AND ADVOCATES A POLITICAL SYSTEM WHICH RECOGNIZES THE DIVERSITY OF TRADITIONS AND STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE'S TRIBES.

2. DOS SANTOS ASKED ME TO CONVEY TO WASHINGTON HIS REQUEST FOR USG FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN FORM OF LOAN FOR FICO. HE STRESSED THAT MOZAMBIQUE IS NOT FOR SALE AND THAT HE WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY CONDITIONS FOR LOAN WHICH WILL COMPROMISE MOZAMBIQUE'S FREEDOM OF DECISION OR OF ACTION. BY PROVIDING LOAN, US WILL SUPPORT POLITICAL SOLUTION IN MOZAMBIQUE TO PROTECT FREE WORLD'S STRATEGIC INTERESTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, WHICH IS NOW IN DANGER OF FALLING UNDER COMMUNIST

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CONTROL. DOS SANTOS EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO GO TO WASHINGTON

IF NECESSARY TO EXPLAIN HIS STRATEGYWM FULL MEMCOM BEING
POUCHED.

3. PER REFTTEL, I ASSUME WE DO NOT WISH TO BE IDENTIFIED
WITH FICO EITHER.
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